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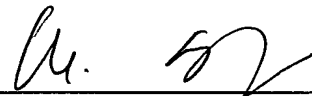
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Applicants hereby elect to proceed with Invention I, claims 1-25, without prejudice to further prosecution of the remaining claims.

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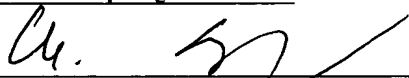
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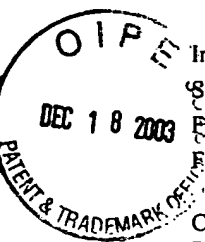
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